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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED EXAMINING GROUP 3773

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Charles H. PUGSLEY et al.) Group Art Unit: 3773
Application No.: 10/712,966) Examiner: Julian W. Woo
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed March 6, 2008, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.